

UTILITY TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL (UI and CL&P)

PURA: TECHNICAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS **DOCKET NO. 12-01-10**

United Illuminating has submitted a plan to the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) which calls for eventual removal of all trees and branches, except right tree/right place trees, within 8 feet on either side of its electric distribution wires from ground to sky (now known as the Utility Protection Zone or UPZ). CL&P plans call for such removal under or near its distribution wires in much more of its territory than in the past. These plans apply to all towns and cities within UI or CL&P territory

To see what could happen to your street/roadside trees, look up at the electric distribution wires (the top wires) and measure 8 feet to the left and right, ground to sky. Any tall tree or tall growing tree within the UPZ is scheduled to be removed under the UI and CL&P plans, whether it is hazardous or healthy. If not removed, it may be severely pruned.

Two public hearings are scheduled:

PURA NOTICE-CL&P

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

3 pm - Technical Meeting

6:30 pm - Public Information Session

Hearing Room 1, PURA

Ten Franklin Square

New Britain, CT

PURA NOTICE-UI

Thursday, March 6, 2014

6:30 pm – Technical Meeting and Public Information Session

Hamden Middle School Auditorium

2623 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT

According to PURA staff, the technical meetings on March 5 with CL&P and March 6 with UI in PURA Docket No. 12-01-10 are open to the public, and their purpose is to gather and clarify information from the utilities. The public will be asked to sign up to speak at the public information sessions. PURA staff advise that **remarks should be brief and not repetitive**.

When you speak, you can respond to the utility presentation, and can add new comments and information relevant to your concerns about the use of rigid line clearance standards (especially ETT/ETR) by UI and CL&P. Specific personal examples of past or potential negative impact on your home, business, neighborhood or town, because of the use of rigid line clearances (previously used only by CL&P), would be helpful.

If you don't want to speak, it is still important to attend to show your concern.

You may send a written comment to PURA before or after the meetings. There will be a

short period after the meetings in which PURA will welcome written public comments, and these may be particularly effective if based on what occurred at the meetings.

Written comments should include a reference to Docket No. 12-01-10, and be sent by e-mail to Pura.executivesecretary@ct.gov and Nicholas.neeley@ct.gov or via U.S. mail to PURA, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

PURA's final decision in this docket regarding utility tree pruning and removal will apply to *both* utilities. PURA's draft decision in this docket, to which the State Vegetation Management Task Force has filed [Exceptions](#), approves the use of ETT/ETR.

For additional information visit: <http://www.gardenclubofnewhaven.org/>